

CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

Title of publication: Image 1

Other known title(s): Not stated

OFLC ref: 1900275.000

Medium: Image File

Publisher: Not stated

Country of origin: Aotearoa New Zealand

Language: Not applicable

Applicant: Commissioner of Police

Classification: Objectionable.

Descriptive note: None

Display conditions: None

Date of entry in Register: 25 July 2019

Date of direction to issue a label: No direction to issue a label has been issued

Date of notice of decision: 25 July 2019

Summary of reasons for decision:

The image depicts a young girl's genitalia in extreme close-up. There is no reasonable reading available for the image other than it is intended for the purpose of sexually arousing those with a prurient interest in children. The availability of such material encourages and reinforces such an interest. The classification of this publication interferes with the right to freedom of expression set out in the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990. However, this is an outcome that is consistent with Parliament's intention that publications which promote and support the exploitation of children for sexual purposes be banned, and it reflects the concern of a free and democratic society to protect its young and vulnerable members from exploitation.